



Montessori Academy of Arcadia



## Important Upcoming Dates

“Fun-A-Day Summer Celebration”

August 10th- 21st

First Day of School

Infants, Preschool, & Kindergarten

August 24th



Stay Updated with our Day to Day activities!

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Summer is almost coming to an end and we are getting ready for the new school year. We are carefully incorporating all mandated state orders in our preparations for the academic year. Amid all uncertainties and fluidity surrounding us due to the recent spike in the Covid-19 cases in Los Angeles County, we are searching for productive pathways to continue to be committed, relevant, and resourceful to our devoted families.

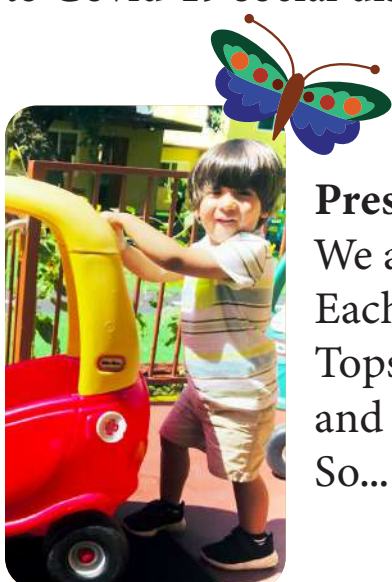
The best interest of every child takes precedence in all our decisions. Due to the evolving state of affairs, we are modifying our programs. We will be offering both online and in-person instruction for all the classes except Infant and Toddler. Meanwhile, we will continue and further improve all Covid-19 health responses to protect our families. Hygiene measures (including handwashing), respiratory etiquette (coughing and sneezing), physical (distancing measures), cleaning procedures, safe food preparations, and serving practices, as well as multiple temperature checks, will be strictly implemented. We are honored that you entrust us with your child’s education and safety.



## Open Enrollment

We are currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Kindly submit the registration fee of \$200.00 to reserve a spot for your child. Spots may be limited due to Covid-19 social distancing requirements.

“It is in the darkest skies that we see the brightest stars.”-  
Richard Evans



## Preschool End of Summer Bash: “Fun- A- Day Summer Celebration”

We are excited to end Summer 2020 with the “Fun- A -Day Summer Celebration”. Each day will be energetic and exciting with Messy and Musical Mondays, Topsy- Turvy and Tasty Treat Tuesdays, Wet N’ Wild West Wednesdays, Theatrical and Throwback Thursdays, and Fitness Fridays ending with a Fun Friday Carnival. So... please get ready to get very messy, wet, topsy -turvy, fit, and much more!

## Mandatory Uniforms

School uniforms are compulsory for students from Pre-Primary to Kindergarten. Uniforms may be purchased at the French Toast store using the link [www.frenchtoastschoolbox.com](http://www.frenchtoastschoolbox.com) and the school code **QS5QSDJ**. The embroidered logo is mandatory on all pieces being offered. Please ensure that your child comes to school in uniform every day unless specified otherwise for special events. All students must wear close-toed shoes for their safety.



## Childcare – An Essential Service During the Pandemic

In the wake of school closures, many families are searching for solutions for their childcare needs while parents are at work. Under the strict guidelines of the Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Department of Social Services, we are finding ways to support our families and community while keeping the group sizes small and our facilities safe and clean. Our flexible programs are structured to support children's academic needs as well as their social and emotional needs. We understand this great need as families navigate through with the challenges of Covid-19. Our goal is to help maintain a sense of normalcy for our students and for all parents, especially those who are working as everyday heroes. Our school will provide care for children under 6 years from 6:30am-6:30pm.



## Classroom Instructions for Infants, Toddlers, Preschool, & Kindergarten Children

In-person, face-to-face classroom instructions will continue for children under six years of age, promoting not only the academic but emotional well-being of our students. Selecting a quality early care and education program is one of the most important decisions a parent can make. Please call our office to learn more about the various programs we offer that cater to the individual needs of each family.



## Montessori- based Distance Learning Program for Children 2-6 years

In accordance with Governor Newsom's state orders for the state of California and county of Los Angeles, we will be offering a Distance Learning program for our Pre-Primary to Kindergarten children who are not yet ready to return to school. This program will be available for the Fall term based on demand.

## Come Discover our Facebook Page

Our Montessori Academy of Arcadia Facebook page keeps you updated with announcements and our day to day activities. We post photos daily. Please feel free to like and comment.



## Do you need help paying for childcare?

You may qualify for free or reduced-cost childcare if you are working, seeking employment, going to school, or training, once your basic eligibility is assessed. Very valuable information that has been recently released is that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has allocated \$15 million from its CARE Acts funding for childcare vouchers that will help essential workers and low-income families who are relying on daycare centers to take care of their kids while they are at work. This amount of money translates to three months of childcare for 5,000 eligible families. Please contact our office if you need more information on getting qualified for a child care financial assistance program based on income and eligibility guidelines.



## What We Know so far about Covid-19 and Children

Even though there is limited data, research suggests that children are less likely to get, spread, or suffer from Covid-19. Compared to adults, children in their toddlers through primary school years are believed to somehow able to fight off coronavirus infections. Even though it is an evolving situation, the findings currently point to the likelihood of lower risk to young children. While a multi-system inflammatory syndrome called MIS-C affects some children infected

with the coronavirus, it is rare and most recover from it. However, a recent study from South Korea also suggests that children over 10 years transmit the virus the same way that adults do. The reasons for children being resilient to catching and spreading the virus are currently obscure, and it might take years for us to fully understand how Covid-19 infection affects children.



## Three New Symptoms of Coronavirus

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea are now considered symptoms of Covid-19. These are in addition to fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste and smell, and sore throat.

## Symptom Screening and Keeping Sick Children at Home

We continue to learn more about Covid-19 every day. For the safety of our entire student population and staff, we will be conducting symptom screening at the drop-off and monitor for any developing signs of symptoms throughout the day. If a child develops any symptoms at school, parents will be

contacted for immediate pick-up. We strongly encourage our parents to monitor their children for signs of symptoms every day and keep them home if there are any signs of an infectious illness. Children are more likely than adults to be asymptomatic or have mild symptoms. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to Covid-19.



## Close Contact and Potential Exposure

We strongly encourage our parents to notify us immediately if their child has had close contact with a person who is confirmed for Covid-19, within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes. You must also please notify us if your child has had close contact with a person under quarantine for possible exposure to Covid-19 within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes. We recommend that the student be evaluated by a healthcare provider if the student was exposed to the above scenarios.



## Return-to-School Policy

A negative test or a physician note is required for the student to return to school if the child was positive or exposed to Covid-19. The student will be afforded the opportunity to participate in classwork and make up any missed classwork.

## Coronavirus Vaccine Update

The Department of Health and Human Services is preparing to have a coronavirus vaccine widely available by January if the ongoing studies are successful.

Pharmaceutical companies have announced that they are entering the third phase of clinical trials.